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Table 1: Economy

		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
ESTIMATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT - June quarter						
Unemployed persons	no.	1 021	1 119	1 010	959	892
Unemployment rate	%	9.8	11.1	10.0	9.2	8.1
TAXATION STATISTICS - year ended 30 June						
Non-taxable individuals	no.	2 409	2 593	2 596	2 476	-
Taxable individuals	no.	7 372	7 221	7 342	7 531	-
Taxable income	$m	269.8	260.3	283.5	300.6	-
Average taxable income	$	36 593	36 046	38 613	39 913	-
Net tax	$m	59.6	57.5	64.0	67.6	-
Average net tax	$	8 082	7 969	8 719	8 972	-
Average net tax ratio	%	22.1	22.1	22.6	22.5	-
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS * - year ended 30 June						
Wage and salary earners	no.	6 935	6 833	6 906	7 002	-
Wage and salary income	$m	226.3	227.2	244.5	257.8	-
Total income	$m	247.2	237.2	257.1	271.2	-
Average wage and salary income	$	32 636	33 248	35 400	36 823	-
Average total income	$	35 640	34 717	37 231	38 725	-
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS BY AGE AND SEX * - year ended 30 June						
Males - 15 years to 24 years	no.	653	613	617	675	-
Males - 25 years to 34 years	no.	769	743	757	742	-
Males - 35 years to 44 years	no.	1 024	995	962	921	-
Males - 45 years to 54 years	no.	941	886	932	948	-
Males - 55 years and over	no.	443	440	466	487	-
Males - Total	no.	3 830	3 677	3 734	3 773	-
Females - 15 years to 24 years	no.	555	568	556	593	-
Females - 25 years to 34 years	no.	670	646	670	653	-
Females - 35 years to 44 years	no.	880	887	847	818	-
Females - 45 years to 54 years	no.	728	743	785	819	-
Females - 55 years and over	no.	272	313	315	346	-
Females - Total	no.	3 105	3 157	3 173	3 229	-
Persons - 15 years to 24 years	no.	1 208	1 181	1 173	1 268	-
Persons - 25 years to 34 years	no.	1 439	1 389	1 427	1 395	-
Persons - 35 years to 44 years	no.	1 904	1 882	1 809	1 739	-
Persons - 45 years to 54 years	no.	1 669	1 629	1 717	1 767	-
Persons - 55 years and over	no.	715	753	781	833	-
Persons - Total	no.	6 935	6 834	6 907	7 002	-
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS BY OCCUPATION * - year ended 30 June						
Managers and Administrators	no.	-	493	506	504	-
Professionals	no.	-	1 075	1 084	1 104	-
Associate Professionals	no.	-	400	414	414	-
Tradespersons and Related Workers	no.	-	798	769	805	-
Advanced Clerical and Service Workers	no.	-	141	132	120	-
Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	no.	-	1 152	1 178	1 172	-
Intermediate Production and Transport Workers	no.	-	602	598	649	-
Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	no.	-	784	767	838	-
Labourers and Related Workers	no.	-	906	884	945	-
Not Stated	no.	-	609	571	450	-
Total wage and salary earners	no.	-	6 960	6 903	7 001	-
PERSONS WITH OWN UNINCORPORATED BUSINESS * - year ended 30 June						
Males						
Males with own unincorporated business	no.	611	440	423	-	-
Own unincorporated business income	$m	22.5	12.0	14.4	-	-
Total income	$m	17.6	13.2	15.7	-	-
Average own unincorporated business income	$	36 856	27 255	34 079	-	-
Average total income	$	28 836	29 900	37 092	-	-
Females						
Females with own unincorporated business	no.	346	248	245	-	-
Own unincorporated business income	$m	11.5	5.2	6.0	-	-
Total income	$m	8.8	5.7	6.4	-	-

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Average own unincorporated business income	$	33 248	20 785	24 509	-	-
Average total income	$	25 297	23 085	26 141	-	-
Persons						
Persons with own unincorporated business	no.	957	688	668	-	-
Own unincorporated business income	$m	34.0	17.1	20.4	-	-
Total income	$m	26.4	18.9	22.1	-	-
Average own unincorporated business income	$	35 551	24 923	30 569	-	-
Average total income	$	27 556	27 443	33 075	-	-
COUNTS OF BUSINESS ENTRIES AND EXITS						
Number of Businesses - at 30 June						
Non-employing businesses	no.	-	774	750	693	654
Employing businesses: 1 to 4 employees	no.	-	285	303	345	339
Employing businesses: 5 or more employees	no.	-	237	252	282	294
Total businesses	no.	-	1 296	1 305	1 320	1 287
Business Entries - year ended 30 June						
Non-employing businesses	no.	-	-	138	117	120
Employing businesses	no.	-	-	60	48	99
Total business entries	no.	-	-	198	165	219
Business Exits - year ended 30 June						
Non-employing businesses	no.	-	-	156	141	102
Employing businesses	no.	-	-	3	18	45
Total business exits	no.	-	-	159	159	147
Number of Businesses by Industry - at 30 June						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	no.	-	309	303	288	285
Mining	no.	-	15	12	15	12
Manufacturing	no.	-	54	54	60	57
Electricity, gas and water supply	no.	-	0	3	3	3
Construction	no.	-	171	180	171	159
Wholesale trade	no.	-	45	39	45	42
Retail trade	no.	-	219	240	228	222
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	no.	-	102	99	99	93
Transport and storage	no.	-	54	51	51	51
Communication services	no.	-	15	18	18	12
Finance and insurance	no.	-	36	45	45	48
Property and business services	no.	-	153	141	156	159
Education	no.	-	3	3	3	3
Health and community services	no.	-	33	36	42	48
Cultural and recreational services	no.	-	39	36	42	36
Personal and other services	no.	-	48	45	54	57
Total businesses	no.	-	1 296	1 305	1 320	1 287

* These data relate to persons for whom this source of income was their principal source of income for the relevant financial year

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		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX - at 30 June						
Males - 0 to 4 years	no.	801	775	760	745	758
Males - 5 years to 9 years	no.	865	819	790	764	749
Males - 10 years to 14 years	no.	868	853	819	804	783
Males - 15 years to 19 years	no.	856	809	788	769	751
Males - 20 years to 24 years	no.	612	642	654	633	624
Males - 25 years to 29 years	no.	638	584	569	571	566
Males - 30 years to 34 years	no.	774	749	727	712	655
Males - 35 years to 39 years	no.	807	787	741	698	697
Males - 40 years to 44 years	no.	957	938	900	860	802
Males - 45 years to 49 years	no.	914	887	903	917	909
Males - 50 years to 54 years	no.	872	879	860	860	856
Males - 55 years to 59 years	no.	760	794	824	836	858
Males - 60 years to 64 years	no.	595	601	604	626	644
Males - 65 years to 69 years	no.	517	532	545	535	514
Males - 70 years to 74 years	no.	552	510	485	476	471
Males - 75 years to 79 years	no.	362	375	393	420	446
Males - 80 years to 84 years	no.	184	195	182	193	211
Males - 85 years and over	no.	116	109	104	104	120
Males - Total	no.	12 050	11 838	11 648	11 523	11 414
Females - 0 to 4 years	no.	733	699	686	681	673
Females - 5 years to 9 years	no.	795	781	764	732	721
Females - 10 years to 14 years	no.	824	812	810	803	787
Females - 15 years to 19 years	no.	719	724	717	703	676
Females - 20 years to 24 years	no.	587	596	586	579	586
Females - 25 years to 29 years	no.	636	609	580	572	574
Females - 30 years to 34 years	no.	769	745	731	703	661
Females - 35 years to 39 years	no.	822	795	750	730	691
Females - 40 years to 44 years	no.	944	925	881	823	795
Females - 45 years to 49 years	no.	838	829	864	870	896
Females - 50 years to 54 years	no.	804	790	777	808	803
Females - 55 years to 59 years	no.	677	704	732	755	762
Females - 60 years to 64 years	no.	598	592	593	587	608
Females - 65 years to 69 years	no.	560	571	577	573	560
Females - 70 years to 74 years	no.	576	541	519	520	520
Females - 75 years to 79 years	no.	447	458	479	491	509
Females - 80 years to 84 years	no.	337	329	318	313	315
Females - 85 years and over	no.	320	307	290	312	352
Females - Total	no.	11 986	11 807	11 654	11 555	11 489
Persons - 0 to 4 years	no.	1 534	1 474	1 446	1 426	1 431
Persons - 5 years to 9 years	no.	1 660	1 600	1 554	1 496	1 470
Persons - 10 years to 14 years	no.	1 692	1 665	1 629	1 607	1 570
Persons - 15 years to 19 years	no.	1 575	1 533	1 505	1 472	1 427
Persons - 20 years to 24 years	no.	1 199	1 238	1 240	1 212	1 210
Persons - 25 years to 29 years	no.	1 274	1 193	1 149	1 143	1 140
Persons - 30 years to 34 years	no.	1 543	1 494	1 458	1 415	1 316
Persons - 35 years to 39 years	no.	1 629	1 582	1 491	1 428	1 388
Persons - 40 years to 44 years	no.	1 901	1 863	1 781	1 683	1 597
Persons - 45 years to 49 years	no.	1 752	1 716	1 767	1 787	1 805
Persons - 50 years to 54 years	no.	1 676	1 669	1 637	1 668	1 659
Persons - 55 years to 59 years	no.	1 437	1 498	1 556	1 591	1 620
Persons - 60 years to 64 years	no.	1 193	1 193	1 197	1 213	1 252
Persons - 65 years to 69 years	no.	1 077	1 103	1 122	1 108	1 074
Persons - 70 years to 74 years	no.	1 128	1 051	1 004	996	991
Persons - 75 years to 79 years	no.	809	833	872	911	955
Persons - 80 years to 84 years	no.	521	524	500	506	526
Persons - 85 years and over	no.	436	416	394	416	472
Persons - Total	no.	24 036	23 645	23 302	23 078	22 903
POPULATION DENSITY - at 30 June						
Population density	persons/km^2	-	-	-	-	0.2
INDIGENOUS POPULATION - Census 2006						
Percentage of total population	%	-	-	-	-	9.4
OVERSEAS BORN POPULATION: PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION - Census 2006						
Born in Oceania and Antarctica (excluding Australia)	%	-	-	-	-	0.7
Born in North-West Europe	%	-	-	-	-	2.1
Born in Southern and Eastern Europe	%	-	-	-	-	1.0
Born in North Africa and the Middle East	%	-	-	-	-	0.0
Born in South-East Asia	%	-	-	-	-	0.3
Born in North-East Asia	%	-	-	-	-	0.1
Born in Southern and Central Asia	%	-	-	-	-	0.2

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Born in Americas	%	-	-	-	-	0.2
Born in Sub-Saharan Africa	%	-	-	-	-	0.3
Total born overseas	%	-	-	-	-	4.9
SPEAKS A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME - Census 2006						
Percentage of total population aged 15 years and over	%	-	-	-	-	2.0
LEVEL OF POST SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS: PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER - Census 2006						
Postgraduate Degree	%	-	-	-	-	0.6
Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate	%	-	-	-	-	0.9
Bachelor Degree	%	-	-	-	-	4.7
Advanced Diploma and Diploma	%	-	-	-	-	3.5
Certificate	%	-	-	-	-	17.0
Inadequately Described/Not Stated	%	-	-	-	-	16.2
Total with qualifications	%	-	-	-	-	42.9
OCCUPATION OF EMPLOYED PERSONS: PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL EMPLOYED PERSONS - Census 2006						
Managers	%	-	-	-	-	14.8
Professionals	%	-	-	-	-	14.2
Technicians and Trades Workers	%	-	-	-	-	14.3
Community and Personal Service Workers	%	-	-	-	-	11.7
Clerical and Administrative Workers	%	-	-	-	-	10.9
Sales Workers	%	-	-	-	-	9.5
Machinery Operators and Drivers	%	-	-	-	-	9.7
Labourers	%	-	-	-	-	12.9
Inadequately Described/Not Stated	%	-	-	-	-	2.2
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE - Census 2006						
Lone person households	no.	-	-	-	-	2 868
Group households	no.	-	-	-	-	168
Family households	no.	-	-	-	-	5 648
Total households	no.	-	-	-	-	8 689
FAMILIES BY TYPE - Census 2006						
Couple families with children under 15 and/or dependent students	no.	-	-	-	-	1 692
Couple families with non-dependent children only	no.	-	-	-	-	430
Couple families without children	no.	-	-	-	-	2 399
One parent families with children under 15 and/or dependent students	no.	-	-	-	-	782
One parent families with non-dependent children only	no.	-	-	-	-	356
Other families	no.	-	-	-	-	83
Total families	no.	-	-	-	-	5 742
INTERNAL MIGRATION - Census 2006						
Persons who lived at same address 1 year ago	no.	-	-	-	-	17 665
Persons who lived at different address 1 year ago	no.	-	-	-	-	2 590
Persons who lived at same address 5 years ago	no.	-	-	-	-	12 799
Persons who lived at different address 5 years ago	no.	-	-	-	-	5 211
PROPORTION OF POPULATION BY REMOTENESS AREA - Census 2006						
Major Cities	%	-	-	-	-	0.0
Inner Regional	%	-	-	-	-	0.0
Outer Regional	%	-	-	-	-	88.5
Remote	%	-	-	-	-	3.8
Very Remote	%	-	-	-	-	7.7
PROPORTION OF POPULATION BY SECTION OF STATE - Census 2006						
Major Urban	%	-	-	-	-	0.0
Other Urban	%	-	-	-	-	85.6
Bounded Locality	%	-	-	-	-	6.0
Rural Balance	%	-	-	-	-	8.4
UNPAID WORK: PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER - Census 2006						
Persons undertaking voluntary work for an organisation or group	%	-	-	-	-	22.2
Persons caring for own children without pay	%	-	-	-	-	19.2
Persons caring for other children without pay	%	-	-	-	-	8.5
Persons caring for own children and other children without pay	%	-	-	-	-	1.0
Persons providing unpaid care, help or assistance to family members or others	%	-	-	-	-	13.4
ACCESS TO INTERNET AT HOME: PROPORTION OF OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS - Census 2006						
Broadband connection	%	-	-	-	-	27.6
Dial-up connection	%	-	-	-	-	18.3
Other connection	%	-	-	-	-	0.7
Total internet connections	%	-	-	-	-	46.6

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BIRTHS AND DEATHS - year ended 31 December						
Births	no.	270	261	260	257	255
Total fertility rate	rate	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Deaths	no.	243	237	231	224	235
Standardised death rate	rate	8.1	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.6
NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS - year ended 31 December						
Homicide	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Assault - Domestic violence related	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Assault - Not domestic violence related	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Sexual offences	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Robbery - Without a weapon	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Robbery - With a firearm	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Robbery - With a weapon not a firearm	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Break and enter - Dwelling	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Break and enter - Non-dwelling	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Motor vehicle theft	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Steal from motor vehicle	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Steal from retail store	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Steal from dwelling	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Steal from person	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Driving offences	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Fraud	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Malicious damage to property	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Drugs - Possession and/or use	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Drugs - Dealing, trafficking	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
APPREHENDED VIOLENCE ORDERS ISSUED - year ended 31 December						
Number		-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Domestic	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Personal	no.	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Total	no.					
Rate per 100,000 population						
Domestic	rate	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Personal	rate	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
Total	rate	-	-	-	n.a.	n.a.
DRIVERS LICENCE HOLDERS - year ended 30 June						
Number holding licence	no.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Proportion of population aged 16 years and over	%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

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Table 3: Industry

		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
BUILDING APPROVALS - year ended 30 June						
Private sector houses	no.	10	11	19	21	15
Total dwelling units	no.	10	36	22	27	17
Value of total residential building	$m	2.4	7.3	4.7	5.6	5.8
Value of total non-residential building	$m	0.6	6.6	3.1	18.0	3.8
Value of total building	$m	3.0	13.9	7.8	23.6	9.6
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES - year ended 30 June						
Passenger vehicles	no.	353	370	385	404	398
Other vehicles	no.	345	397	397	471	458
Total new motor vehicle sales	no.	698	768	783	875	855
MOTOR VEHICLE CENSUS - REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES - at 31 March						
Number by type of vehicle						
Passenger vehicles	no.	9 532	9 468	9 598	9 721	9 874
Campervans	no.	36	43	48	43	38
Light commercial vehicles	no.	2 981	2 974	3 001	3 053	3 149
Light rigid trucks	no.	88	92	94	104	113
Heavy rigid trucks	no.	259	249	246	243	242
Articulated trucks	no.	72	72	65	73	70
Non-freight carrying trucks	no.	9	9	11	9	8
Buses	no.	80	79	84	85	82
Motorcycles	no.	554	528	561	576	609
Total registered motor vehicles	no.	13 613	13 513	13 707	13 906	14 185
Number per 1,000 population						
Passenger vehicles	no.	397	400	412	421	431
Campervans	no.	1	2	2	2	2
Light commercial vehicles	no.	124	126	129	132	137
Light rigid trucks	no.	4	4	4	5	5
Heavy rigid trucks	no.	11	11	11	11	11
Articulated trucks	no.	3	3	3	3	3
Non-freight carrying trucks	no.	0	0	0	0	0
Buses	no.	3	3	4	4	4
Motorcycles	no.	23	22	24	25	27
Total registered motor vehicles	no.	566	571	588	603	619
Number by type of fuel						
Petrol - Leaded	no.	3 138	2 655	2 352	2 043	1 748
Petrol - Unleaded	no.	8 193	8 522	8 998	9 421	9 886
Diesel	no.	2 052	2 120	2 140	2 209	2 323
LPG/Dual/Other	no.	229	216	217	233	229
AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES * - year ended 30 June						
Total area						
Area of holding	ha	-	-	-	-	13 332 436.8
Cereals for grain	ha	-	-	-	-	3 712.2
Vegetables for human consumption	ha	-	-	-	-	3.4
Orchard trees (including nuts)	ha	-	-	-	-	24.1
All fruit (excluding grapes)	ha	-	-	-	-	24.1
Non-cereal broadacre crops	ha	-	-	-	-	3 026.6
Total number						
Sheep and lambs	no.	-	-	-	-	1 359 261
Milk cattle (excluding house cows)	no.	-	-	-	-	0
Meat cattle	no.	-	-	-	-	49 939
Pigs	no.	-	-	-	-	3

* Agricultural commodities data is subject to relative standard error (RSE) - for further information see ABS cat no. 7125.0

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Table 4: Environment/Energy

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LAND AREA						
Land area	km^2	-	-	-	-	146 963.0

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